

## REMARKS

By this amendment, multiple claim dependencies have been removed from the claims to reduce the filing fee. The present amendments improve the structure and clarity of the claims and provide proper antecedent basis for claim terms where necessary.

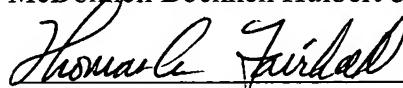
Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the gaming system includes both the gaming server and the administration facility to more closely match the detailed description. As noted in the specification at page 36 line 28 et seq., the functions of the gaming server and the administration facility could be consolidated and performed in a single processor. Alternatively, the gaming server and administration facility could be performed on separate servers as shown in the drawings. The scope of the claim is intended to cover both embodiments.

The Specification has been amended to insert a priority claim to the PCT application from which this is a US national phase application and to the priority British applications.

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